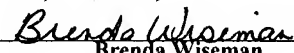


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Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the February 12, 2007 Office Action where the Examiner rejected claims 1-22. A request for continued examination (RCE) and appropriate fee authorization is filed herewith. Please reconsider the present application with the accompanying responsive remarks.